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**SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN DELTA ISLANDS & LEVEES, CA  
CALFED LEVEE SYSTEM INTEGRITY PROGRAM**

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**FACT SHEET & REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIAL INITIAL PROJECTS**

**OVERVIEW**

This Fact Sheet addresses the development of potential initial projects for levee system improvement projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the Federal agency that is responsible, along with the California Departments of Water Resources and Fish and Game (DWR, DFG) for implementing the CALFED Levee System Integrity Program (LSIP) under the CALFED Program and Record of Decision (ROD) approved in 2000. The CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act and the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act for 2006 provide funds for USACE to initiate efforts to define, develop, and execute studies and projects with the CALFED LSIP and ROD as addressed below.

The USACE is coordinating with our partners and stakeholders to develop and prepare a report to Congress by May 18, 2006, which will define how the Corps plans to help meet the objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act and LSIP and efficiently implement projects. This report will include a prioritized list of potential initial projects that meet criteria for urgently needed levee modifications and potential cost share partners. The Authorization Act specifies a Federal funding limit of \$90 million for initial actions through September 2010.

In addition to this initial strategy, the USACE and DWR are starting a Feasibility Study to formulate and evaluate the types, scope, and extent of alternative LSIP actions and projects, both programmatic and site-specific, for the Bay-Delta area and potentially Suisun Marsh. A critical component of the Feasibility Study is the Delta Risk Management Strategy (DRMS), which is being conducted to identify risks to the levee system and related management strategies for the long-term, and to identify priorities and potential projects. The DRMS is underway and scheduled for completion in June 2007, and the Feasibility Report/EIS-EIR will likely be completed by 2010.

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT**

We are soliciting your input to identify potential initial projects for the consideration of planners and decision makers in developing LSIP actions. We intend to identify several site-specific initial projects within the funding limit specified by the Authorization Act for further development, and possible recommendation for design and construction. This Fact Sheet is being provided to agencies, groups, and individuals that have expressed interest in possible Initial Projects. In the months ahead, additional information on the USACE efforts will be provided to you through a series of information papers.

Any project implemented by the USACE must identify a non-Federal sponsor to be responsible for (1) sharing the cost of implementation of the project with USACE; (2) providing all necessary lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas; and (3) accomplishing operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the project. Non-Federal sponsors are generally public agencies that are able to enter into a cooperative agreement for a project. Unless otherwise directed by Congress, the non-Federal share is generally at least 35% of the total design and construction costs, but credit will be given to the non-Federal sponsor for providing lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas.

***Proposals for initial projects are due by January 31, 2006.***

## **REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR EACH POTENTIAL INITIAL PROJECT**

***Please provide specific information for each potential initial project consistent with the following format.***

**Name and Purpose of Potential Initial Project:** State a geographic reference and basic project purpose. For example: Bethel Island, reduce seepage through levee.

**Location:** Provide maps and illustrations to specify potential project location and footprint. Include nearest city/town and transportation corridor(s), physical characteristics and boundaries of the potential project.

**Problems:** Specify known flooding, ecosystem, erosion, navigation, or other problems or needs at this site. Provide an assessment of the urgency to resolve problem(s). Is there an imminent threat to life and property? What is at risk in the future if the problem or need continues? Is the potential project part of a known existing project or program?

**Opportunities:** Specify what might be done at this site to reduce flood damages, protect water supply/conveyance, restore the ecosystem, improve water quality, etc. For example: reduce flood damages to a community or establish X acres of habitat.

**Project Description:** Describe the basic features of the potential project and desired outcome (i.e., reduce risk from flooding). For example: repair levees, reshape or construct channels, construct setback levees, and plant native vegetation. Identify any feature or combination of features that could function together to address the problems identified above. Specify any known or potential technical, financial, or institutional concerns. Provide supporting photographs and/or sketch, designs, and cost estimates, if available.

**Statement of Willingness and Ability to Cost Share:** Provide such a statement to support your proposed project as a basis for consideration and possible selection and further action in recognition of the requirements presented in the related paragraph above. A Letter of Intent to cost share will be required for any project proposed to Congress by USACE. See attachment for a sample Letter of Intent.

**Point of Contact & Agency Affiliation:** Provide person's name and contact information (i.e., phone, e-mail) and other pertinent information about their agency/organization.

**Scoping & Screening Information:** Use your best judgment in providing the following information. Briefly explain your rationale.

- In your opinion, what is the urgency for your proposed project? Is there an imminent threat to life, property, critical habitat, or other prominent resource?
- Would there be a change in the magnitude, frequency, or duration of flood flows in other areas of the levee system as a result of the potential project?
- What would the proposed project do to address flooding, ecosystem, water supply and quality, and other problems and needs locally and regionally?
- Are there non-structural or other ways to address flooding, ecosystem, water supply and quality, and other problems in the potential project area and if so what are they?
- Who and/or what would benefit from the potential project?
- What is the likely Federal, State and local agency support?
- Are there any known challenges or obstacles that may delay rapid development and implementation of your potential project?
- Is your agency ready, willing, and able to serve as a non-Federal sponsor for this potential project, and able to provide required cost-sharing and other assurances?

**Questions or Concerns:** Please contact Ron Ganzfried at 916-557-5159 ([Ronald.S.Ganzfried@usace.army.mil](mailto:Ronald.S.Ganzfried@usace.army.mil)) or Lynn O'Leary at 916-557-7028 ([Lynn.M.O'Leary@usace.army.mil](mailto:Lynn.M.O'Leary@usace.army.mil)) with any questions or concerns.

***Complete & send your proposed initial project information summary by January 31, 2006 to:***

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Planning Division (ATTN: Ron Ganzfried)  
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Sacramento, California 95814

and/or

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**ATTACHMENT**  
**SAMPLE LETTER OF INTENT TO COST SHARE**  
**POTENTIAL INITIAL PROJECTS**

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AGENCY LETTERHEAD

Colonel Ronald N. Light  
District Engineer  
Sacramento District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
1325 J Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Colonel Light:

This letter conveys the (your agency's) intent to participate in feasibility studies and/or other actions in the development of (your proposed project) as the non-Federal sponsor consistent with the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act (Public Law 108-361).

The (your agency) understands that the type, cost, and scope of actions will be determined and specified later if selected for development and/or implementation pursuant to the Act. The (your agency's) also understands that if our project is approved for implementation, we will be responsible for sharing the cost of planning, designing, and implementation of the project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; providing all necessary lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, excluding railroads, and suitable borrow and dredged or excavated material disposal areas; and accomplishing operation, maintenance, repair, replacement and rehabilitation of the project.

Please note that this letter of intent is not an obligation of funds. We look forward to working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State of California, and other pertinent CALFED agencies and stakeholders on this important project.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

(Your Name and Signature Block)